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Applicants: Albert WAUTERS et al.

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 3, 2009, please amend the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 without prejudice as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.